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– ROAD SCHOOL –

"EMPOWERING TAMARIKI TO THRIVE"

Weekly Newsletter
No 7 Term 4
25 Nov 2026

Hello • Tena Koutou • Talofa Lava • Malo e Lelei • Namaste • Ni sa bula vinaka • Fakalofa lahi atu
Kia Orana • Ni hao • As-salamu-Alaikum • Noa'ia'e Mauri

Kia ora koutou, we trust you are all well! This week has been one of celebrations for our tamariki and kaiako achievements. Our pupils of the week are pictured on the right and on slides 3 and 4 you'll see our teachers who graduated as fully registered teachers and three staff and our long standing Board member, Gia Palau-Mamea who received "Proud to be Kelston" awards.

Featured in this newsletter:

- ➔ *Important 2026 end of year date and 2027 school year dates*
- ➔ *Year 2 Teacher Graduation celebration photos*
- ➔ *Proud to be Kelston Awards photos*
- ➔ *Kakano Fun Run Tuesday 1 December*
- ➔ *SLRS Heroes Christmas Markets 4 December parents are invited to come from 2 to 3.30pm*
- ➔ *SLRS Whānau Picnic 4 December parents welcome from 3.30-5.30pm*
- ➔ *Letter explaining our heroes Christmas Market and Whānau picnic.*

Take care whānau,
Sharon Fuemana - Tumuaki







Congratulations to our proud to be Kelston Recipients.



Information Links

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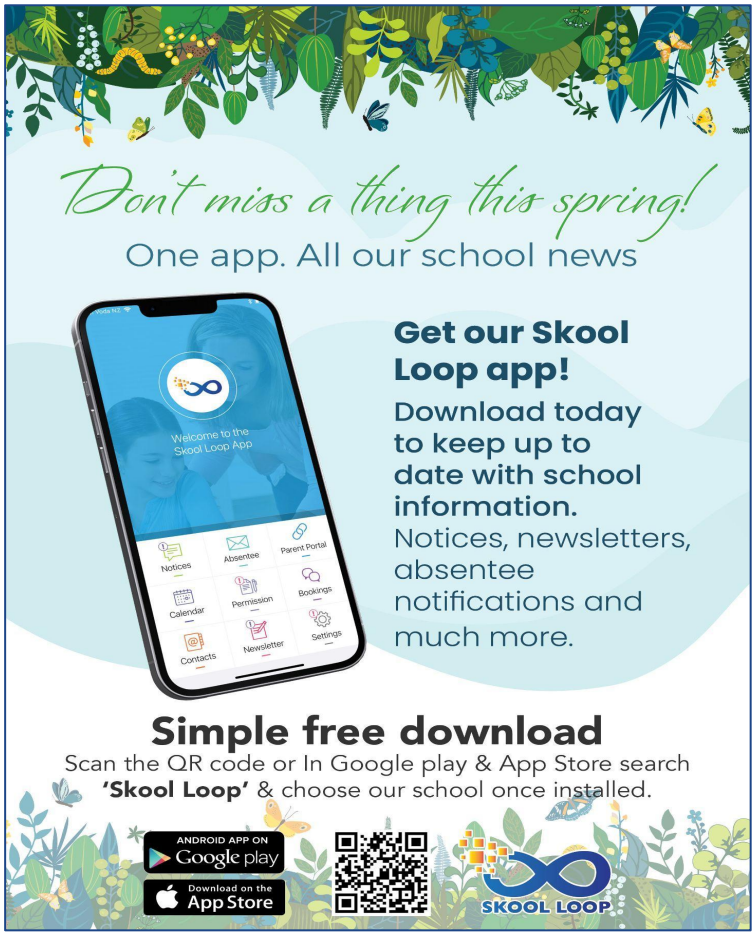
Visit our newly refreshed website www.stleonards.school.nz for coming events and more

Whānau whānui – Belonging
Manaakitanga – Respect
Manawanui – Perseverance

Important 2026 / 2027 Dates

2026 Term 4 Events	Dates
Solomon Island Language Week	Mon 23 - Fri 27 Nov
Interschool Athletics *…Save Date*	Tue 24 Nov *Thu 26 Nov*
9.10am - School Assembly, R21	Fri 27 Nov
9am Kakano R20 & R21 Fun Run	Tue 01 Dec
9.30am-1pm Y5 Road Patrol Training	Tue 01 Dec
Last Vagahau Niue Class for 2026	Thu 03 Dec
9.10am - Pupil of the Term Assembly	**Fri 4 Dec**
SLRS 'Heroes' Market Day	**Fri 4 Dec**
SLRS Whānau Christmas Picnic	**Fri 4 Dec: 3.30-5.30pm**
Road Patrol Trip to Rainbows End	Wed 09 Dec
6.30pm Board Meeting	Wed 09 Dec
9.10am - Pupil of the Year Assembly ***2pm - FOTS Sausage Sizzle***	***Fri 11 Dec***
9:30am - Y6 Graduation	***Tue 15 Dec***
4:00-5:30pm - Y5 & 6 End of Year Disco	***Tue 15 Dec***
LAST DAY 2026 - 1PM FINISH **9.15am - Carols Assembly**	**Thurs 17 Dec**

Friday 4th December
You're invited to our Market Day with a twist: *trade a non-perishable item for a craft made by tamariki.*
Following this is our Whānau Picnic 3.30-5.30pm



Please note this years Year 6 graduation is on Tuesday 15th December in our school hall and will start at 9.30am

2027 School Year Dates and Public Holidays:

Term 1 - 2027
Wednesday 3 Feb to Friday 9 April

Holidays: *Waitangi Day (observed) - Mon, 8th Feb; Good Friday - Fri, 26th Mar; Easter Monday - Mon, 29th Mar; Easter Tuesday - Tue, 30th Mar*

Term 2 - 2027
Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July

Holidays: *King's Birthday - Mon, 7th Jun; Matariki - Fri, 25th Jun*

Term 3 - 2027
Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

No Holidays

Term 4 - 2027
Monday 11 Oct to Friday 17 December

Holidays: *Labour Day - Mon, 26th Oct*

Y2 Teacher's Graduation

Last week we celebrated our Teachers who have completed the first two years of their career and are now Fully Registered.

Congratulations Dion O'Brien, Rupinderjeet Kaur, Natalia Gasu and Whaea Michelle Daniels.

We are very proud of our Kaiako and their journey to date.













We'd like to say a big thank you to the families of our graduates for their support and encouragement to our teachers.

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Proud to be Kelston Awards







We were proud to host the “Proud to be Kelston” Awards this week and would like to congratulate all those across the community who received awards. Special congratulations to our staff and Board member who received awards: Martha Dyer, Gia Palau-Mamea, Katie McClean and Anne Sisam.



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R20 R21 Fun Run



SLRS: Giving Back to our Community 4/12



Organisation & Safety Information for 4/12

School Market Day and Whānau Picnic on Friday, 4 December 2026!

Come and support our students' stalls and stay for a relaxed picnic with our school community.

Event Schedule & Details

- **Date:** Friday, 4 December 2026
- **School Market Day:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (**School Hall**)
- **Whānau Picnic:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM (**School Field / Shaded area/Courtyards**)

What to Expect for the SLRS Heroes Christmas Markets

- **Student Market Stalls:** in the hall and open to parents from 2pm to 3.30pm.
- Classes will visit the markets during the day.
- All goods received at the market will be given to our Kelston Community hub and school SWIS (social worker in schools) and will then be distributed to families in need across our community for this Christmas season.

What to Expect for the SLRS Community Whānau Picnic

- **Whanau Picnic** starts at 3.30pm and goes through to 5.30pm.
- Set your family up on the field with your blanket and picnic brought from home.
- Student Council fundraising **food stalls: American Hot Dogs; Nachos; BBQ**
- We are in the process of fundraising for an interactive playground and astro turf on our top courts that the student council have been involved with from the start with their ideas.
- **Food trucks will be onsite**.
- Eftpos machines will be available but come prepared with cash to purchase from the student council fundraising stalls and food truck vendors.
- Family games and Christmas karaoke - entertainment sorted :)
- Guess the lollies in the jar - pressies sorted :)
- X2 Meat Raffles - that's the Christmas lunch sorted ;)

Important Supervision & Pick-Up Information

- **End of School Day 3pm: All students go home as usual or are collected as per your normal end of day routine.**
- School staff will not be providing after-school supervision or during the picnic.
- To keep our kids safe, any children without parent supervision will be asked to go home.

We need your help:

- Come to the market between 2 and 3.30 and bring non-expired, unopened cans or non-perishable food items to exchange for Christmas market crafts and goodies
- Send non-expired, unopened cans or non-perishable food items with your child to school as from tomorrow. Your child's teacher will create a ticket that they can use during the day to exchange for Christmas market crafts and goodies.

Whānau Picnic: Fri. 4 Dec. 3.30-5.30pm

